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Experience the Spectacle that is *Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy* at the 2025 Toronto Fringe Festival

TORONTO (June 2025) – “Something big is coming.”

Come along for the genesis of *Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy*— an unforgettable campy, queer odyssey that’ll leave you giggling, gagging, and groaning for more! Set to make its highly anticipated Fringe Festival debut at the Michael Young Theatre from July 2nd to 13th, the production features Dora award WINNER Jewell Bowry (Best Ensemble, *Flex - Obsidian/Crow’s Theatre*) as the delightfully insufferable Plato.

When Leaina runs off to Lesbos with her best friend Megillus, her ex-husband Lucian is left desperate for answers. He turns to the genius Plato to help unravel the intimate and unfathomable mysteries of this new relationship. As Lucian and Plato agonize over the question, “how do they have sex?!” they are forced to confront their own repressed desires simmering beneath their togas. Interwoven throughout the treacherous journey of these Great Philosophical Minds are pieces of Leaina and Megillus’ new life on Lesbos. As they wander through the lush canopies, sun-drenched shores, and salt-stung winds, they find their love echoed by the voices of the island.

Grandiose, hilarious, and tender, this rousing new play from Jules Spizzirri and Sydney Scott (Tarragon Theatre playwright in residence) invites audiences on a journey that fuses ancient and modern worlds. The play challenges ancient satirist Lucian’s representation of queer sex depicted in his dialogue “The Lesbians,” and asks, “What would the queer people in this story say for themselves?” Using verbatim accounts from over 20 queer voices, *Lucian, Plato, and the Secrets of the Pussy* is a vibrant mosaic of intimacy, persistence, and joy.

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Lucian, Plato and The Secrets of the Pussy
presented as part of the 2025 Toronto Fringe Festival

Playwrights & Producers Jules Spizzirri and Sydney Scott

Producer Hemali Sankalya Ratnaweera

Director Alyssa Featherstone

Stage Manager Iris Asserlind

Assistant Director Julianna Monte-Angheloni

Intimacy Director Karley Jagusic

Dramaturg Rosalind (Rose) Goodwin

Cast

Kael Bury as Lucian

Jewell Bowry as Plato

Jasmine Brough as Leiana

Jonnie Lombard as Megillus

Lighting Designer Sephora N’Kosi

Set/Props Designer Quynh Diep

Costume Designer Gabe Woo

Sound Designer Nell Khayutin

Marketing Director Fiorella Bermudez

Social Media & Graphic Design Bonnie Yau

Company bound productions

Venue

Soulpepper Theatre's Michael Young Theatre
(50 Tank House Lane, Toronto, ON M5A 3C4)

Show Run

July 2-13, 2025

Wednesday July 2nd 2025 at 10:00pm
Friday July 4th 2025 at 4:15pm
Monday July 7th 2025 at 7:30pm
Tuesday July 8th 2025 at 10:15pm
Thursday July 10th 2025 at 2:15pm
Friday July 11th 2025 at 2:00pm
Saturday July 12th 2025 at 8:00pm

Run Time

60 minutes

Tickets

\$15 and PWYC

Content Warnings

Mature language. Sexual content.
Abrupt sound and lighting cues.
Depictions of misogyny, homophobia, transphobia.

Accessibility

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Relaxed Performance:

July 10th at 2:15pm

Mask-Mandatory Performances:

July 4th at 4:15pm

July 7th at 7:30pm

July 10th at 2:15pm

July 11th at 2:00pm

Pay-What-You-Can Performances:

July 4th at 4:15pm

July 8th at 10:15pm

July 10th at 2:15pm

More information and tickets available as of June 4, 2025.

Online at:

<https://fringetoronto.com/fringe/show/lucian-plato-and-secrets-pussy>

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